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CHESTNUT BLIGHT INCREASE.

A new map of West Virginia pre-
pared by the Federal bureau of
plant industry shows that the dread-
ed chestnut blight is greatly on the
increase in West Virginia.

The trees in every county of the
state are infected, the percentages
running from 5 in Mason county to
100 in the three eastern-most coun-
ties. This disease has spread from
the north and east and, therefore,
shows the highest percentages of
infection in the eastern and north-
ern counties. The whole central
section shows infections ranging
from 16 to 92 per cent.

Within five years practically all
the chestnut timber in the state
will have contracted this disease
and in another five years scarcely
any living trees of this species can
be found.

Very little hope is held out by
the disease specialists for a strain
of native trees that will show im-
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